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Each month, the Office of Student Experience (OSE) shares a newsletter with a first-year student spotlight, as well as community announcements and upcoming events that are designated or open to first-year undergraduate students.

STUDENT SPOTLIGHT

MEET EDVAR BAUTISTA!

Hometown: Chula Vista, CA
Option: Mechanical Engineering

Favorite Memory of your First-Year:
My favorite memory of my first year at Caltech thus far has to be Ricketts Interhouse (DINOHOUSE!). As a skurve, it was so awesome to see the house come together and create such an awesome interhouse party. I had so much fun with my friends that night and it's definitely a memory that I will treasure during my time at Caltech.

If you had a day to yourself, what would you do?
Catch up with my friends from back home. Although I've made incredible friendships at Caltech, I would never pass the opportunity to hang out with my day ones on a work-free day.
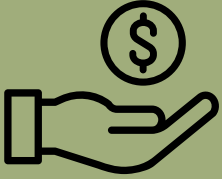
We are thrilled to announce that registration for Family Weekend (April 12-14) is now open! The event schedule and registration form are available online (link here).   We look forward to welcoming families of first-year students to campus!
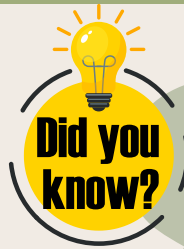
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Introducing the _Wei-Hwa Huang Student Support Fund!_ This fund enhances the student experience by providing support for activities that minimize student stress and maximize well-being through social, relaxing, and fun activities on-or off-campus. To apply and find out more about this new 'Fun Fund,' please visit the OSE website here.

Did you know?

PSSST did you know If you open the PDF version of this newsletter (attached to the email), you can click on the embedded hyperlinks!

CAMPUS RESOURCES

Caltech Y – caltechy@caltech.edu

Make-A-Difference Day
Save the Date: Saturday, April 6th | Sign up coming soon

Join students and others around campus to volunteer for one day of service in the local Pasadena / Los Angeles area. Learn something new about our community and some of the agencies doing good work there - all while making a positive impact.

All members of the Caltech community are invited to volunteer in service projects organized by students through the Caltech Y and local agencies. Whether you prefer the outdoors or indoors, people or animals—there is a project for everyone! Projects are led by students and range from 3.5 to 6 hours (including travel) depending on the project. Meals, transportation, and t-shirts are provided thanks to funding from TIAA and the Caltech Employees Federal Credit Union. For questions contact caltechy@caltech.edu.

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Career Achievement, Leadership, and Exploration (CALE) - career@caltech.edu

Wondering how to take the **"Next Steps"** in your career journey at Caltech?
Log-in to your Next Steps Caltech account to access all the resources CALE has to offer!

- Make appointments with our career advising staff
- Register for information sessions, employer-led workshops, learn about our Industry Days, and more!
- Apply for employment opportunities (new positions added weekly)

To view all upcoming spring term events from CALE, please visit the Events page of Next Steps Caltech!

Housing Office - housing@caltech.edu

In preparation for Spring Break, Housing Maintenance would like to send out a few friendly reminders:

- Housing Office will be open Spring Break during our normal business hours. Monday – Friday 8am-5pm (excluding holidays).
- If you will be away during spring break, please make sure to:
  - Turn off all lights and lock your room door (do not leave on override) and make sure all windows are closed and locked.
  - Clean out personal mini fridges from rooms and dispose of food accordingly to prevent food from spoiling.
  - Remove any food items in common area fridges/cabinets to prevent any food from spoiling.
  - For North U.G and Marks/Braun - make sure the AC/Heating unit in your room is turned off.

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Caltech Library - library@caltech.edu

- **All of March** – check out the Women's History Month Book Display at SFL. We will be highlighting women who champion equity, diversity, and inclusion.

- **March 2** - Time to renew your library books, if you still need them for Spring Term! Regular, non-Course Reserve books are due back on March 15. Login to your library account at https://library.caltech.edu/libsearch

- **March 14** - 24-Hour Pi Day Community Puzzle Challenge, complete the 1000 piece Pi Day themed puzzle at Sherman Fairchild Library

- **March 9 to March 15** - We're extending our Sherman Fairchild Library 24-hour open hours for finals starting Saturday at 8am, March 9 and closing Friday, at 10pm, March 15. Free late-night snacks will be available after 7pm.

Center for Inclusion & Diversity - RSVP for events here https://ccid.caltech.edu/events/rsvp

- **Dine and Dialogue Part 2 | March 5, 4-5pm, CSS 2nd Floor Common Area**
  - Join the CCID as we engage in dialogue over dinner. Dinner will be provided on a first come, first served basis. Topic: Oppression Olympics

- **Decoding Diversity, Exploring Social Identity | March 6, 12-1pm, Zoom**
  - This workshop will include a virtual activity that will aid attendees in exploring their social identity wheel, inclusion, diversity, equity, and accessibility.

- **Women of Color Affinity Space | March 6, 4-5pm, CSS 2nd Floor Common Area**
  - Join the CCID for our women of color affinity space. Snacks and community provided.

- **Finals Decompression | March 12, 4-5pm, CSS 2nd Floor Common Area**
  - Unwind and decompress during midterms. Snacks, games, and crafts provided.

- **Pi Day with the CCID | March 14, 12-1:30pm, San Pasqual Lawn**
  - There will be a variety of pie and opportunities to engage with the CCID and be entered into a raffle! Come back, say hi and have some Pi(e)!